

Industries Development Commission Notice No. 1976/1

INQUIRY CONCERNING PROTECTION FOR NEW ZEALAND INDUSTRY PRODUCING CERTAIN WOVEN POLYESTER AND WARP KNITTED CURTAIN AND DRESS NET FABRICS

Public Hearing

1. Following receipt by the then Minister of Trade and Industry of a report from the Emergency Protection Authority concerning temporary protection from the New Zealand industry producing certain woven polyester and warp knitted curtain and dress net fabrics, the Minister notified the Tariff and Development Board in a letter dated 3 April 1975 that the Authority had concluded that urgent action was necessary to protect the local industry and that the most suitable means of providing this protection was by way of import licensing. Government had accepted the Authority's recommendation and the exemption from import licensing for the following had been withdrawn:

- Ex Tariff items 51.04.069 Woven polyester fabrics, other than tyreCORD fabrics and such fabrics when declared by a manufacturer for use by him in making neckties
- 56.07.069
- Ex Tariff items 60.01.028 Warp knitted curtain fabric and warp knitted dress net, other than quilted
- 60.01.029
- 60.01.049
- 60.01.059

On 21 April 1975 the Minister extended the decision to include goods ex Tariff items covering a half ounce weight gap in the middle of the range which was still exempt, viz: polyester fabrics of:

- Ex Tariff items 51.04.038 Continuous synthetic fabrics weighing over 186 gsm but under 203 gsm
- 51.04.039
- Ex Tariff items 56.07.028 Discontinuous synthetic fabrics over 186 gsm but under 203 gsm
- 56.07.029

In terms of Import Control Temporary Restriction Notice No. 3 (1975) Tariff item 51.04.069 was replaced by Tariff items 51.04.061, 51.04.062, and 51.04.068 with effect from 1 July 1975.

2. The Minister has requested the Commission to undertake an inquiry and report on what permanent form of protection, if any, it considers necessary to protect the New Zealand industry in relation to the importation of certain woven polyester and warp knitted curtain and dress net fabrics classified within the above-mentioned Tariff items.

3. For the purpose of taking evidence the Commission will hold a public hearing in the Hearing Room, Eighth Floor, Cumberland House, Upper Willis Street, Wellington, commencing on 27 April 1976 at 10.30 a.m. A consolidated list of all the goods under inquiry together with current rates of duty is appended in the Schedule to this notice.

4. Any person who intends to tender evidence should lodge, in typewritten form, 12 copies of public evidence and 10 copies of confidential evidence, to be presented under oath at the public hearing, at the Commission's office no later than 19 March 1976. In preparing this evidence the "Notes for Information and Guidance of Interested Parties" prepared by the Tariff and Development Board may be of assistance. Copies of these notes may be obtained from the Commission's office.

SCHEDULE

No.	Description	Unit	Year	Rates of Duty		Other Preferential Rates of Duty
				Normal Tariff	British Preferential	
51.04	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (continuous), including woven fabrics of monofil or strip of heading No. 51.01 or 51.02: Of Synthetic fibres: Containing man-made discontinuous fibres and weighing more than 186 g/m ² :					
Ex 51.04.038	Other, viz: Woven polyester fabrics, other than tyreCORD fabrics and specialty fabrics when declared by a manufacturer for use by him in making neckties	m ²	1974	47½% or†	35½% or†	Aul 32½% or†
			1975	47½% or†	38½% or†	Can 32½% or†
			1976	47½% or†	41½% or†	CPC 32½% or†
			1977	47½% or†	47½% or†	
Ex 51.04.039 per m ²	m ²	1974	47.8c	47.8c less 12%	Aul 47.8c per m ² less 15%
	per m ²		1975	47.8c	47.8c less 9%	Can 47.8c per m ² less 15%
	per m ²		1976	47.8c	47.8c less 6%	CPC 47.8c per m ² less 15%
	per m ²		1977	47.8c	47.8c	
	Other kinds, viz: Woven polyester fabrics, other than tyreCORD fabrics and specialty fabrics when declared by a manufacturer for use by him in making neckties: Polyester fabrics:					
Ex 51.04.061	Not exceeding 80 g/m ²	m ²	1975	15%	6%	Aul Free
			1976	15%	9%	Can Free
			1977	15%	15%	CPC Free
Ex 51.04.062	Exceeding 80 g/m ² but not exceeding 200 g/m ²	m ²	1975	15%	6%	Aul Free
			1976	15%	9%	Can Free
			1977	15%	15%	CPC Free
Ex 51.04.068	Exceeding 200 g/m ²	m ²	1975	15%	6%	Aul Free
			1976	15%	9%	Can Free
			1977	15%	15%	CPC Free